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Application No.: 10/693,207 ) Examiner: Chester T. Barry  
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For: Zero-Discharge of Water Glass )  
Effluents by Alkaline Biotreatment )  
Techniques )

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Sir:

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A copy of the listed Japanese publication along with the English translation of the abstract are attached.

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